Dam upto EL 110 metre as early as possible to derive interim benefits of both irrigation and power. The progress of raising of dam height from the present level of EL 80.3 metres in the spillway portion is linked with pari-passu implementation of resettlement & rehabilitation measures.

Road From Azamnagar to Dalkola N.H. 34-Bihar

2997. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a road from Azamnagar Railway Station to Dalkola on N.H. 34 in Katihar district of Bihar was sanctioned by his Ministry in 1989 and was to be contructed with the Central Road Fund;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a directive had already been sent to the State Government by his Ministry vide their letter No. NH-28012/3/88-Policy/OR dated 3.1.1989;

(c) if so, the reasons for not taking up the work so far; and

(d) the present position of this Project and the time by which it is expected to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A directive of general nature relating to augmentation of Central Road Fund was sent to all States on 3.1.1989.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Repair of Bridges on National Highways

2998. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred on repair of bridges on National Highways during the period 1995-96 and 1.4.96 to 31.7.96, State-wise; and

(b) the extent to which the expenditure is likely to be incurred for the said purpose particularly in respect of West Bengal and other North Eastern States till the end of 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) Funds for the repair of bridges on National Highways are sanctioned depending upon the urgency of the repair required and the overall availability of resources. It is too early to estimate the likely expenditure on the repair of bridges during the year 1996-97.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	State/Union Territory	Funds released for the repair of bridges during 1995-96	Funds released for repairs of bridges during 1.4.96 to 31.7.96
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35.39	-
2.	Assam	92.59	-
3.	Bihar	2.30	
4.	Chandigarh	-	-
5.	Delhi	-	-
6.	Goa	10.85	-
7.	Gujarat	28.68	-
8.	Haryana	17.40	-
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3.41	-
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	20.00	-
11.	Karnataka	1.80	-
12.	Kerala	8.50	-
13.	Madhya Pradesh	26.18	-
14.	Maharashtra	59.39	-
15.	Manipur	1.01	-
16.	Meghalaya	3.89	-
17.	Nagaland		-
18.	Orissa	20.82	-
19.	Pondicherry		-
20.	Punjab	9.03	-
21.	Rajasthan	1.60	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	4.31	-
23.	Uttar Pradesh	38.26	-
24.	West Bengal	3.87	-
	Total	389.28	

Mughal Road from Jammu to Srinagar

2999. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to revive the all-weather Mughal Road from Jammu to Srinagar;

(b) if so, the mileage of this road and the capital outlay involved in its revival;

(c) whether any project report for this Road has been prepared, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the project is scheduled to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The length of this road is approximately 85 kms. and is estimated to cost Rs. 77.40 crores at 1994-95 prices.

(c) The detailed project report is being prepared.

(d) The project is likely to take six years time for completion.

Sources of Irrigation in Azamgarh, U.P.

3000. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is true that the main sources of irrigation in Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh are tubewells and canals;

(b) if so. whether it is also a fact that most of the Government tubewells remain out of order and breach in the canal embankments. result in the loss of crop. life and property; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for digging the canals and to repair the tubewells?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Some breaches do occur in canal embankments, but no loss of crop, life and property has been reported.

(c) Silt clearance and digging in the canals are carried out as per requirement and breaches in canal embankments are repaired promptly. The mechanical and electrical defects in tubewells are also attend to promptly.

Visit of Amnesty International to J & K

3001. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Amnesty International have been invited to send their team to Jammu & Kashmir during or following the recent elections to the Lok Sabha in that State;

(b) if so. the reasons therefor; and

(c) the response of Amnesty International thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Uttar Pradesh Transport to Private Sector

3002. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh State Transport Corporation is being wind up and handed over to private sector; and

(b) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Release of funds for repairs of irrigation canals

3003. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT "BACHDA" : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has not released any funds for the annual repairs of irrigation canals in nine hill districts of Kumaon and Garwal in Uttar Pradesh for the last three years;

(b) whether most of the canals have become inoperative for non sanctioning of any funds by the State Government even under special repairs and damages by monsoon (SRDM); and

(c) the steps being taken for smooth running of the canals?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c). Irrigation is a State Subject. The Irrigation Projects are planned, funded: implemented and maintained by the State Government out of their own resources. Information on provision of funds and expenditure on maintenance of irrigation projects including canals is not maintained at the Centre.

[English]

Settlement of Accident Claims

3004. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act with regard to settlement of claims of road accident victims are not being followed by State Transport authorities in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government propose to issue necessary guidelines to State Government for the settlement of claims awarded by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunals promptly and to avoid further litigation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.